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Statement from Commissioner MacKinnon - DOT&PF Operations Continue

All AMHS Employees

Please see the below message from the DOT &PF Commissioner.

Given the COVID 19 situation the Commissioner has informed all DOT & PF employees including AMHS, that we are all considered (Critical Infrastructure) and must continue to operate, including operations at Vigor Shipyard Ketchikan.

Given the critical infrastructure status of AMHS we should still continue to remain 6 feet away from another person and to keep gatherings in one location to 10 persons. Given the staggering of lunch service and the commencing of food service on the Matanuska along with the Kennicott should solve the dining concerns. I would ask the masters aboard both the Kennicott and Matanuska to please see that crew follow that criteria. If we need to stagger or control the number of crew in the cafeteria area at one time we can work with you to do that. Regards AMHS crew not being able to maintain a 6 feet distance away from another AMHS employee, vendor, or shipyard worker, then let us know and we can discuss the particular operation causing the issue, and to try to find another solution .

Regarding AMHS employees working at Vigor Shipyard, I had passed on to all employees yesterday that, should an employee meet any of the criteria of the COVID 19 administrative leave, they may take that paid leave. Should an employee not meet the criteria of the COVID 19 leave then they can use at their discretion personal leave or leave without pay. Any choices made by individual vessel employees regards leave will have no disciplinary repercussions.

I would also like to note that the air travel advisory recently put out is a Strong Advisory but not a Mandate at this point.

I will continue to update all employees as the situation warrants.

Thank you
Captain Falvey

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